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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: 1733

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

The deadline for filing a response to the Notice of Appeal received by the USPTO on December 22, 2003 originally required a reply by February 22, 2004.

Applicants desire additional time to respond to the Office Action, and therefore request that the deadline for reply to the Office Action be extended under the provisions of Rule 136(a) to March 22, 2004. Authorization is hereby provided to charge any fee required in connection with this paper, including the \$110.00 fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) for consideration of this extension to Account No. 13-3723. A duplicate copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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